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REF: (A) TOKYO 6014, (B) STATE 102699

1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE PRESENTS VIEWS OF UK AND
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JAPAN ON CANDIDACY OF JOE MORRIS, CANADIAN WORKER
FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF ILO GOVERNING BODY (GB). SEE
ACTION REQUESTED IN PARA FOUR BELOW. END SUMMARY

2. ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE, THE ASIAN GOVERNMENT
GROUP IS LIKELY TO TAKE THE POSITION THAT THEIR
SUPPORT FOR JOE MORRIS WILL DEPEND ON THE WILLINGNESS

OF THE AMERICAS REGION TO FOREGO ITS TURN IN 1978 -
1979. INDIA, SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA, IS TAKING
STRONG POSITION THAT WORKERS TURN FOR MORRIS SHOULD
NOT DELAY THAT OF ASIA. ALEXANDER OF UK MISSION
TOLD US AN IMPORTANT ASIAN COUNTRY (UNIDENTIFIED BUT
POSSIBLY INDIA OR AUSTRALIA) HAD ASKED LONDON TO
SUPPORT THE ASIAN POSITION. ALEXANDER FEELS THE
ASIANS MAY CAUSE STROUBLE IN THE INDUSTRIALIZED
MARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES (IMEC) CAUCUS. HE SAID
EVERYONE AGREES TO SUPPORT MORRIS BUT THE ISSUE
IS WHETHER THE AMERICAS WILL GIVE UP THEIR TURN.
ALEXANDER HAS NOT YET APPROACHED THE CANADIANS HERE.

3. WE TOLD THE JAPANESE AND UK WE WOULD SUPPORT
THE MORRIS CANDIDACY AS A "SPECIAL WORKERS TURN"
AND HAD ASSUMED ON THE BASIS OF IMEC CONSULTATION
DURING THE MARCH GOVERNING BODY SESSION, THAT IMEC
AND THE EC NINE WOULD DO THE SAME. WE POINTED OUT
TO ALEXANDER THAT THE U.S. COULD NOT COMMIT ITSELF
ON THE 1978-79 TURN BECAUSE WE MIGHT NOT BE IN ILO,
AND SUGGESTED HE TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE CANADIANS.
WE DID PROMISE TO REPORT HIS VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE EXPECT TO SEE ALEXANDER
AND THE JAPANESE AT MAY 16 LUNCHEON HOSTED BY NEW
ZEALAND TO DISCUSS ILO. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHER-
WISE, WE INTEND TO REPEAT THE ABOVE AND USE THE
POSITION IN PARA NINE OF REF B. THE FACT OF THE
MATTER IS THAT MORRIS' SUPPORT IN THE NEXT FEW
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